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ONE MONTH TO THE DAY AFTER THE SENATE CONFIRMED RICHARD HELMS
AS THE NEW HEAD OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, SOME SENATORS
WERE CALLING FOR HIS SCALP. WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE? BECAUSE HELMS
WENT TO THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT SAYING HOW PLEASED HE
WAS WITH ITS JULY 18 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "RETRIBUTION FOR FULBRIGHT."
THE EDITORIAL SAID THE SENATE HAD GIVEN SEN. W. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT,
D-MO., "HIS COMEDIANRY" FOR TRYING TO INTERFERE CONGRESSIONAL
CONTROL OVER CIA ACTIVITIES. WHEN THE NEWSPAPER PRINTED HELMS'
LETTER, SENATORS ROSE TO DENOUNCE HELMS. HELMS APOLOGIZED TO
FULBRIGHT, BUT SEN. WAYNE MURSE (D-ORE.) IMMEDIATELY CALLED FOR
HELMS' RESIGNATION. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, OF
WHICH FULBRIGHT IS CHAIRMAN AND MURSE A MEMBER, MET IN CLOSED
SESSION FRIDAY TO HEAR WHAT HELMS HAD TO SAY. AFTERWARD, IT
APPEARED THAT TEMPERE HAD COOLED AND HELMS WOULD KEEP HIS JOB.